



EXPERT ROUND TABLE Webinar on Corona Presidency: German Presidency of the Council of the European Union

7 May 2020, 3 pm. to 4.30 pm

In July the European Union's largest member state will take over the Presidency of the EU-Council. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic will undoubtedly have far-reaching implications for its priorities as it is pressuring the Union to align most of the policies with its endeavor for economic recovery and to find solidarity solutions for financial packages and for ensuring a strong cohesion between the member states. This includes the agreement about the next Multiannual Financial Framework (2021-2027).

Furthermore the future relationship with the UK has to be finalized and the topic of a common EU migration and asylum policy is still on the table. What are the specific priority goals of the German Presidency? What are the expectations of the Czech Republic? These questions will be discussed by Nicolai von Ondarza and Štěpán Černý. Working language will be English.

Opening remarks: Anne Seyfferth, Director of Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Prague

Štěpán Černý, Deputy State Secretary for European Affairs at
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Input into the topic: Dr. Nicolai von Ondarza, Deputy Head of the Research Division
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Questions and Answers

Chair: Štěpán Černý, Deputy State Secretary for European Affairs at
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